WHEREAS, Families are important to the healthy and normal development of children; and,

WHEREAS, Nearly 200 South Dekote children now in the custody of the Department of Social Services are awaiting adoption; and,

WHEREAS, Many of these children have special needs; and,

WHEREAS, Some children are handicapped, older, indian or awaiting adoption with a brother or sister:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNBIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 22-29, 1976, as

ADOPTION AWARENESS WEEK

Six

in the State of South Dakota to focus public attention on the immediate and urgent need to find adoptive families for South Dakota's special children.

IN WITNESS WHERBOF,
I have hereunto set my
hand and offical seal
this lith day of
November, in the Year
of Our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Seyanty/

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE